expressed amongst different sections of people pertaining to the proposed new TADA law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The law Commission of India has submitted the Draft Prevention of Terrorism Bill, 2000. The draft Bill has been circulated to all State Governments/UT Administrations, for their comments on the provision of the Bill. It is correct that same apprehensions have been expressed in various quarters relating to possible misuse of powers proposed to be given to the investigating agencies. However, Government will hold made consultations with the State Government, political parties, other groups etc. before a view is finalised in the matter. No time frame can be laid within which the Bill would be introduced for consideration by Parliament.

Land for Construction of NEC Buildings

1132. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North-East Council received land for construction of its buildings;

(b) if so, the area of available land; and

(c) if not, the steps taken for having its own land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of answer to (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) The North-Eastern Council has taken steps to acquire suitable plots of land in Shillong for setting up the Secretariat and staff quarters.

Confidence Building Measures among Minorities

1133. SHRI DIPANKER MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the measures being taken by Government towards confidence building in the minds of religious minorities in the country in the wake of series of criminal and murderous attacks on them by religious fanatics;